



## Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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<b>Event Name</b>	8 May 2015 Severe Weather Event SITREP
<b>Date</b>	06/20/2015
<b>Time</b>	0700
<b>Operational Period</b>	06/19/15 – 06/20/15
<b>Report Number</b>	44

<b>Regions Affected</b>	
<b>DPS Regions Affected</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6
<b>DDCs Active</b>	4-Hurst, 13-Bryan, 16-Conroe, 16-Houston, 16-Pierce, 16-Texas City

### STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:

The State of Texas continues to respond to ongoing flooding in a number of areas where river basins continue to remain at major flood status. Long term recovery continues for many portions of the state that were impacted by the severe weather, tornadoes, and flooding.

In addition to response and recovery efforts that continue in those areas, the State is now responding to the effects of Tropical Depression Bill, which brought with it, copious amounts of additional rainfall across portions of Texas where soil is already heavily saturated. This additional rainfall from the tropical system exacerbated areas already in major flood stage as well as caused additional flooding in areas where creeks, streams, and main stem river levels are still slightly above bankful stages.

Significant flooding is expected to continue for the next five days. As the remnants of Tropical Storm Bill continue to push off towards the east, the West Gulf River Forecast Center (WGRFC) region will finally begin to dry out for the next several days. Scattered showers and thunderstorms moved over portions of South Central Texas, mainly impacting the Nueces, upper San Antonio and Guadalupe River systems. As this activity moves off towards the northeast, it will begin to dissipate as it moves over less unstable air. Thereafter, upper level ridging is expected to build over the northern portions of the WGRFC area, which should keep conditions somewhat dry and mild for areas mainly along and north of Interstate Highway 10.

**NWS Fort Worth:** A few showers and storms occurred in parts of Central Texas this morning but additional showers and storms may occur this afternoon across all of North and Central Texas.

**NWS Austin/San Antonio:** Scattered showers and thunderstorms are once again expected today. Some of these will produce heavy rainfall which could lead to localized flash flooding.

**NWS Corpus Christi:** An upper level disturbance draped across Mexico will lead to a chance of showers and thunderstorms across the Rio Grande Plains and Brush Country today through tonight, with lower chances farther east. Although widespread flooding is not anticipated, a few areas may see localized flooding of low lying areas.

**NWS Houston/Galveston:** Isolated to scattered thunderstorms may develop this afternoon and early evening. Brief, heavy rainfall and gusty winds will be possible from a few storms.

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott issued Proclamations on May 11, May 15, May 25, May 26, and May 29, and June 3, 2015, certifying that the severe weather, tornado and flooding incident that began on Monday May 4, 2015, has caused a disaster in many Texas counties. Disaster conditions persist in many parts of the state. Therefore, the Governor of the State of Texas, has amended the aforementioned proclamations and declares a disaster in Angelina, Archer, Atascosa, Austin, Bastrop, Baylor, Blanco, Bosque, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Callahan, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Clay, Collin, Comal, Comanche, Cooke, Dallas, Denton, Dewitt, Dickens, Eastland, Edwards, Ellis, Erath, Fannin, Fayette, Fort Bend, Frio, Gaines, Garza, Gillespie, Gonzales, Grayson, Grimes, Guadalupe, Harris, Harrison, Hartley, Hays, Henderson, Hidalgo, Hill, Hood, Houston, Jack, Jasper, Johnson, Jones, Kaufman, Kendall, Lamar, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Lubbock, Lynn, Madison, Milam, Montague, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Nueces, Palo Pinto, Parker, Polk, Real, Red River, Refugio, Robertson, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Smith, Somervell, Starr, Tarrant, Throckmorton, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Uvalde, Van Zandt, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Wharton, Wichita, Williamson, Wilson, Wise, Young and Zavala Counties, authorizing mobilization of state resources to assist impacted communities. This brings the total number counties so far to 102.

The Governor requested and the President approved a Major Disaster Declaration (DR-4223) on May 29, 2015. This action ordered federal aid to supplement State, tribal and local recovery efforts in the affected areas, beginning on May 4, 2015. The President's actions makes federal funding available to affected individuals in Harris, Hays, and Van Zandt Counties. Federal funding also is available to State, tribal, and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by the severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds and flooding in Cooke, Gaines, Grimes, Harris, Hays, Navarro, and Van Zandt Counties.

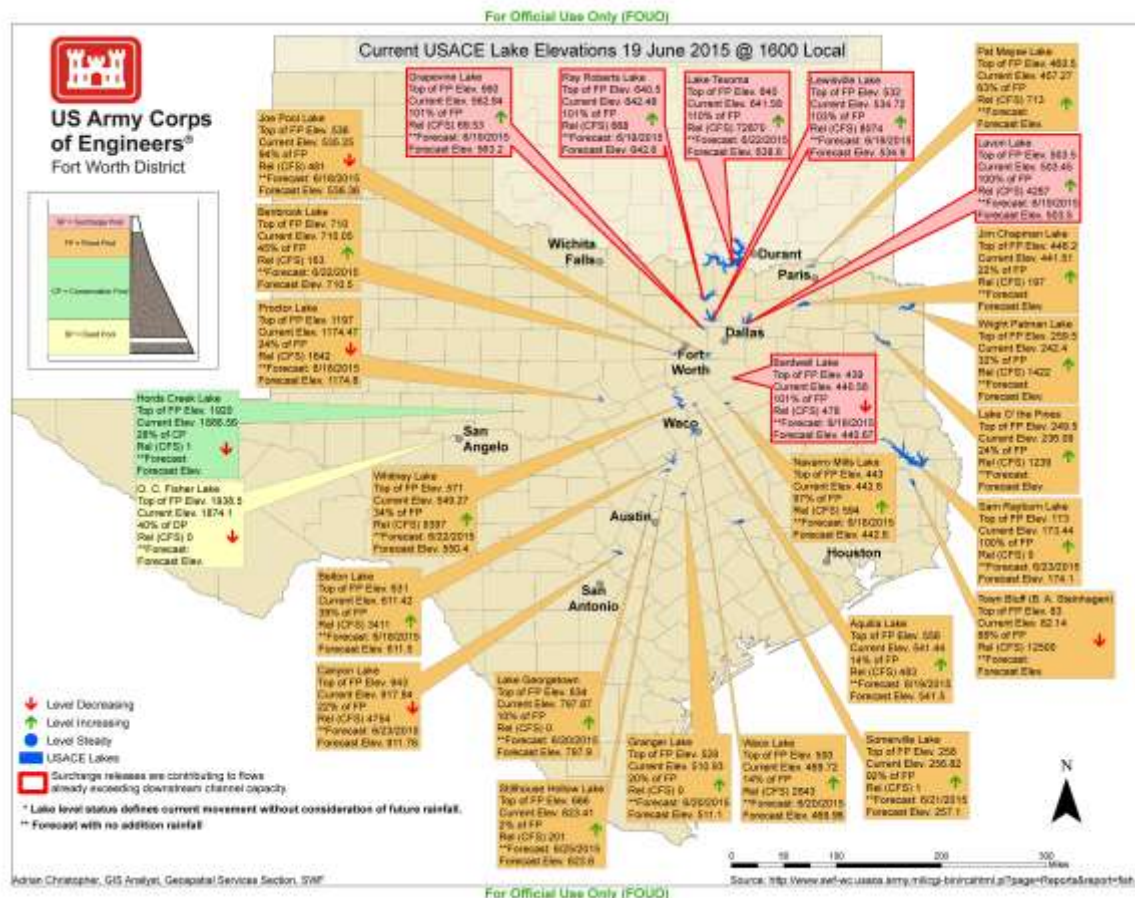
Amendment No. 2 to DR-4223 was issued on June 9, 2015. Amendment No. 2 includes the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the event declared a major disaster by the President on May 29, 2015, and related determinations: Angelina, Archer, Atascosa, Baylor, Bowie, Burleson, Cass, Cherokee, Clay, Comal, Comanche, Fannin, Fayette, Garza, Gillespie, Grayson, Harrison, Hood, Houston, Jasper, Kaufman, Kendall, Lamar, Lee, Liberty, Lynn, Madison, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Refugio, Sabine, San Jacinto, Tyler, Uvalde, Walker, Wharton, Wilson, and Zavala Counties for Public Assistance. Bastrop, Blanco, Caldwell, Denton, Henderson, Johnson, Milam, Montague, Rusk, Travis, Williamson, and Wise Counties for Public Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance).

Amendment No. 3 to DR-4223 was issued on June 16, 2015. Amendment No. 3 is a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) amendment which declared Dallas and Nueces Counties as primary natural disaster areas. In addition Aransas, Collin, Denton, Ellis, Jim Wells,

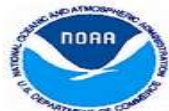
Kaufman, Kleberg, Rockwall, San Patricio and Tarrant Counties as contiguous counties where eligible family farmers may qualify for Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency Management (EM) loan assistance.

TX Notice FLP-1043 was issued on June 3, 2015. Family farmers in the following Texas Counties may qualify for Farm Service Agency Emergency Management Loan Assistance, in accordance with section 321(a) of the Federal Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act: Andrews, Blanco, Brazoria, Brazos, Caldwell, Chambers, Comal, Cooke, Dawson, Denton, Ellis, Fort Bend, Freestone, Gaines, Galveston, Grayson, Grimes, Guadalupe, Harris, Hays, Henderson, Hill, Hunt, Kaufman, Liberty, Limestone, Madison, Martin, Montague, Montgomery, Navarro, Rains, Smith, Terry, Travis, Van Zandt, Walker, Waller, Washington, Wise, Wood, and Yoakum Counties.

Individuals who sustained damage within the State of Texas during the May storms, may call **1-800-621-3362** to register with FEMA.



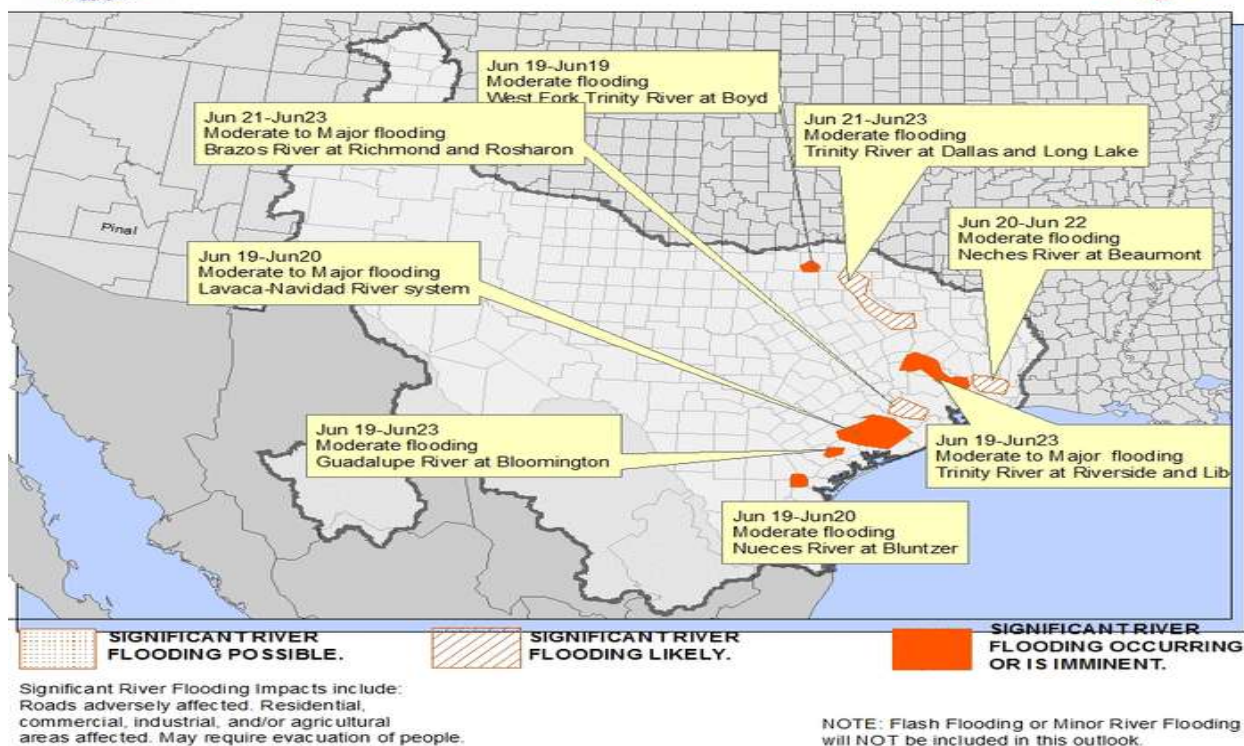




# Significant River Flood Outlook

Valid: 6/19/2015 - 6/24/2015

West Gulf River Forecast Center 6/19/2015 11:57:32 AM



## Red River:

Tropical Depression Bill left approximately 10-15 inches of rainfall in the upstream basin of Lake Texoma and other tributaries that feed into the Red River. Lake Texoma is continuing to rise and is forecast to reach near record stages around 645 feet, which is similar to the stages reached last month. Lake Texoma is expected to reach its maximum level within the next 3 days. At that point, the NWS will begin to have a better understanding of how this next flood will impact the ArkLaTex communities along the Red River as we see what discharges are being released from Lake Texoma by the Army Corps of Engineers.

## Operational Priorities:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid and effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.
5. Maintain communication with impacted local jurisdictions.

## Region 1 (Includes DDCs 4, 5, 6, 22)

Grapevine Lake Dam is at 562.94'. The City of Grapevine submitted a Disaster Declaration to enact an Order of Mandatory Evacuation for portions of its population to include two residential apartment complexes. Farm-to-Market 2499 was closed due to roadway flooding. American Red Cross (ARC) is on standby for possible sheltering, if needed. DDC-4 Garland was notified of the potential impact to City of Coppell (Dallas County) from the water release downstream. The City

of Grapevine (Tarrant County) took delivery of 900 filled sandbags from Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

**DDC 4 Hurst** (Includes Denton, Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Tarrant and Wise Counties): DDC 4 Hurst is now at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) and will cease 24-hour operations.

Denton County EOC: Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)

Tarrant County EOC: Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)

City of Flower Mound EOC: Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)

City of Fort Worth EOC: Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)

City of Grapevine EOC: Level III (Increased Readiness Condition)

City of Lewisville EOC: Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)

**City of Flower Mound (Denton County):** A Disaster Declaration was submitted. State of Texas Assistance Request (STAR) request was submitted for aerial reconnaissance of the Grapevine Lake Basin and the upstream watershed to gain better situational awareness.

**City of Lewisville (Denton County):** A Disaster Declaration has been submitted.

**Tarrant County:** An updated Disaster Summary Outline (DSO) was submitted.

**City of Fort Worth:** Lake Worth boat ramps are closed due to flooding and hazardous conditions. Lake Benbrook was expected to crest over the spillway mid-afternoon Friday. Lakeside Drive from Winscott to Pecan Valley Drive will be closed and remain closed at least through Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**City of Grapevine:** Submitted a Disaster Proclamation and an Order of Mandatory Evacuation for areas below Grapevine Lake and the Denton Creek area.

**DDC 6 Tyler** (Includes Rains, Van Zandt, Henderson, Anderson, Wood, Smith, Cherokee, Camp, Upshur, Gregg, Rusk, Marion, Harrison, Rains and Panola Counties):

**Rusk County:** The County is working on getting a contract for debris removal. Minor flooding was reported on various county roads. A STAR has been approved for debris removal.

**Van Zandt County:** The County submitted a Request Letter extension.

**Region 2** (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16)

**DDC 13 Bryan** (Includes Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson and Washington Counties): DDC 13 Bryan increased its readiness level to Level III (Escalated Response Conditions).

**Washington County:** A Disaster Declaration, Letter to the Governor and DSO were submitted.

**DDC 14 Lufkin** (Includes Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity and Tyler Counties):

**Nacogdoches County:** A DSO was submitted.

**Newton County:** The County submitted an updated DSO.

**San Augustine County:** The County submitted a DSO.

**DDC 15 Beaumont** (Includes Jefferson, Hardin and Orange Counties):

**Hardin County:** A Disaster Declaration was submitted.

**Orange County:** A Disaster Declaration, Letter to the Governor and DSO were submitted.

**DDC 16 Conroe** (includes Liberty, Montgomery, Walker and Waller Counties): DDC 16 Conroe has increased their readiness level to Level III (Escalated Response Conditions).

**DDC 16 Pierce** (Includes Austin, Colorado, Fort Bend, Matagorda and Wharton Counties): DDC 16 Pierce increased its readiness level to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

**Austin County:** A DSO was submitted.

**Fort Bend County:** The County submitted a final DSO.

**Matagorda County:** A Disaster Declaration, DSO and Letter to the Governor were submitted.

**DDC 16 Houston** (Includes Harris and Chambers Counties): DDC 16 Houston increased its readiness level to Level II (Escalated Response Conditions).

**Chambers County:** A DSO was submitted.

**City of Houston (Harris County):** City of Houston EOC is at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

**DDC 16 Texas City** (Includes Galveston and Brazoria Counties): DDC 16 Texas City increased its readiness level to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

**Brazoria County:** A DSO was submitted.

**City of Lake Jackson:** A Disaster Declaration was submitted.

**Region 3** (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, 24)

**DDC 20 Corpus Christi:** (Includes Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kennedy, Live Oak, Nueces and San Patricio Counties): DDC 20 Corpus Christi is monitoring stream and river situations. Some areas in the district are still inaccessible due to local and rural roadways closed.

**DDC 21 McAllen:** (Includes Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy Counties):

**Hidalgo County:** Sustained rainfall in areas with limited drainage is causing flooding on residential streets. An Order for Voluntary Evacuation for residents that have limited access to their homes with the use of a vehicle and/or special medical needs is still ongoing. High water rescues continue due to flooding and numerous roads remain closed. The water pumping operations continues in the impacted areas.

**Region 5** (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3, 7)

**DDC 3 Wichita Falls** (Includes Hardeman, Wilbarger, Wichita, Cottle, Foard, Clay, Montague, Baylor, Archer, Young and Jack Counties):

**Jack County:** The County submitted a DSO.

**Region 6** (Includes DDCs 11/23, 12, 17 & 18)

**DDC 11/23:** (Includes Bell, Bosque, Coryell, Falls, Freestone, Hamilton, Hill, Lampasas, Limestone, McLennan, Milam, Mills and San Saba Counties):

**City of Holland (Bell County):** The County submitted a DSO.

**DDC 12 Austin:** (Includes Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis and Williamson Counties): DDC 12 is at Level IV (Normal Operations).

**Fayette County:** An updated DSO was submitted.

**DDC 17 Victoria** (Includes Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Lavaca and Victoria Counties): DDC 17 Victoria has returned to Level IV (Normal Conditions).

**Gonzales County:** The County submitted an updated DSO.

### **RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS**

**Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)** DPS continues to monitor the severe weather conditions consisting of flash flood warnings, flooding, heavy rainfall and possible road closures.

**Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM):** TDEM personnel continue to respond to this severe weather and flooding incident. District Coordinators continue to assist local jurisdictions that have been affected by the severe weather, tornadoes and flooding.

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):** TCEQ regional office staff continues to reach out to numerous counties that have been impacted and provide assistance with debris management guidance.

**TCEQ Public Drinking Water and Wastewater Updates:** TCEQ reports 10 Boil Water Notices (BWNs) remain in effect for the following counties: Brazoria, Liberty, Harris, Matagorda and Walker County. Multiple Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) has been reported around the state due to flooding, TCEQ Region Offices continue to monitor the situation.

**TCEQ Dam Safety Program:** Continues to monitor several dams across the state that was impacted by the flooding conditions.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** TxDOT continues to monitor roadways for flooding, debris and damage. TxDOT currently has 105 roads with flood conditions and 70 roads closed due to flood or flood damage.

**Texas Department of Insurance (TDI):** TDI has distributed information to media outlets and social media advising that consumers can get help with filing their insurance claims by calling the Consumer Help Line **800-252-3439**. Two insurance specialists have deployed to the Wimberley Disaster Recovery Center (DRC). TDI is prepared to deploy more staff as additional DRCs open.

**Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA):** TDHCA continues to coordinate resource delivery through its local Community Services Block Grant (“CSBG”) program administrators, typically Community Action Agencies (“CAAs”), which serve impacted counties to provide gift cards for gas, food, and essentials, and possible hotel vouchers to income eligible households. Community Action, Inc., of Central Texas (“CACT”), a CAA, is working with the Red Cross and DRCs to direct displaced tenants of San Marcos Housing Authority managed properties to call HUD’s toll-free line at 800-955-2232 for assistance. They also are providing a list of TDHCA-funded affordable multi-family property vacancies to households upon request. TDHCA is also working with FEMA and TDEM contacts to communicate and provide resource information to Plano (Collin County) resident whose home was damaged by flooding.

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):** TPWD will continue to have the following assets prepared to deploy as needed:

- 6 Game Wardens with 3 Boats are positioned in Nueces County and surrounding counties available for response.
- 16 Game Wardens with 8 Boats are positioned in Greater Harris County area available for response.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS):** A 4-person Planning IMT has been mobilized with 2 members from the Golden Triangle IMT and 2 TFS personnel.

**DPS Air Assets:** DPS Aircraft with hoist capability are located in San Antonio and Corpus Christi.

**Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ):** The TDCJ is continuing to monitor river conditions at the Trinity River and Brazos River watersheds for potential impacts to facilities.

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):** DSHS is monitoring flooding activity for any ESF-8 resource requests.

**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):** FEMA has received 14,181 Individual Assistance (IA) applications. IA funds have been approved for \$23.6M. Scheduled inspections are 88.4 percent complete. FEMA Mobile Registration Intake Center (MRIC): MIRC’s are operational in Athens (Henderson County), Martindale (Caldwell County), San Marcos (2), Taylor, Williamson County, Wimberley (Hays County), Fort Bend County, Van Zandt County and two in Houston. FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) have been established in Bastrop, Caldwell, Harris, Hays, Henderson, Van Zandt and Williamson Counties.

**FINAL COMMENTS:** The SOC has returned to Activation Level IV (Normal Conditions) as of 12:00 PM Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. The SOC continues to monitor the situation and additional situation reports will be published as required.



**The four levels of SOC activation are:**

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

*This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at [www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem).*

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